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In the Application of Ernst Michael Winter, et al

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 11/29/01

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

16. Gemstone comprising:

a plate-shaped support having a surface with a plurality of pyramid-shaped depressions, each of said pyramid-shaped depressions having a pyramid angle formed between adjoining faces of said at least one pyramid-shaped depression;

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